

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 24 are pending in this application. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4 and 6-24 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being obvious over the combination of Hsien and Klein. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Hsien reference is directed to a wireless mouse with an improved FM RF transmission circuit to obtain the well known advantages of FM transmission in cordless mouse applications. (Hsien, col. 1, Background) As is of course well known, FM RF transmission is common in an enormous number of RF applications and the teachings of Hsien are simply directed to the ability to reduce the cost and complexity of an FM RF circuit such that it may be suitable for a battery powered cordless mouse application.

The Klein reference is directed to the use of RFID tags for tracking of lost articles such as packages by incorporating the tags in labels and then tracking the package using the read ID and a web based database. The tags are specifically stated to be capacitively read BiStatix tags which use conductive ink in place of inductive coupled wire coils to facilitate attaching the tags to printed labels. (Klein, col. 4, l. 34-col. 5, l. 47)

The Examiner stated that it would be obvious to combine Hsien and Klein to arrive at the present invention as claimed. However, the combination of Hsien and Klein would be completely unworkable. A capacitively coupled system such as in Klein would simply not work with an RF FM transmission system as in Hsien. Indeed one skilled in the art would never attempt to combine the two since they are so fundamentally different. For this reason it is respectfully submitted hindsight could be the only

motivation for proposing the combination. Furthermore, Klein discusses use of a commercially available reader and at most assuming *arguendo* the two systems were combined in a single computer system a distinct receiver and reader would be used. The claims in contrast require a shared reader. This is clearly neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited references no matter how broadly their teachings are interpreted.

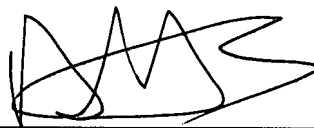
Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted the rejection over Hsien and Klein is fully traversed.

In view of the deficiencies of the two base references it is respectfully submitted the three way rejection of dependent claim 5 in view of Hsien and Klein and Liu is also fully traversed.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. It is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned Applicant if it appears that any impediment remains to allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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